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SEE WEDNESDAY'S REPUBLIC FOR MERCHANTS' MIDWEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MADAME GUINCHAN RESIGNS; MANAGER MAY ENJOIN SINGER.

French Opera Dramatic Soprano Declares M. Charley Uses Her Name for Advertising Purposes.

MAY BE HEARD AT FAIR.

Unless a reconciliation is promptly effected, the French Opera Company now filling an engagement at Music Hall will furnish a sensation in the United States court this morning.

Mme. Guinchan, a popular soprano, who has appeared to advantage at several performances, has withdrawn from the company, and has removed several trunks filled with costumes from her dressing room. She declares that her connection with the company is at an end and has entered into negotiations with three other managers.

M. Charley, manager of the company, asserts that the soprano has no cause for leaving the company, and says that he will go before Judge Adams this morning and secure an injunction preventing Mme. Guinchan from singing under any other management.

Mme. Guinchan and M. Charley have not spoken to each other for ten days. They pass each other without even a nod of recognition, and whatever communication which passes between them is either in writing or by means of a messenger. Mme. Guinchan says that M. Charley has caused her name to appear on the programme several times when she was not expected to sing, thus causing her reputation to suffer because, she claims, "the audience was disappointed by the singing of a lower-class artist."

She is positive that she entered vigorous protest against such a course and that M. Charley said that her reputation did not count as long as the box-office sales reached satisfactory figures. She also accuses him of referring sarcastically to the musical appreciation of St. Louis audiences.

DENIES ACCUSATIONS.

M. Charley denies the assertions of his leading soprano, and says that she is talking for public sympathy. He prefaces his denial with a statement that Mme. Guinchan is seeking an excuse to leave the company, because she is jealous of certain other singers, who have been assigned to leading roles.

Although Mme. Guinchan's name appeared in the programme to sing a leading part in "Faust" at the performance Saturday evening she did not appear.

Last night it was announced at the beginning of the performance that owing to indisposition Mme. Guinchan would not sing her role in "Faust."

Mme. Guinchan said: "M. Charley has acted unfairly toward me, and I will not sing any more. My contract expires March 10, and I have three offers, which I am considering."

"My name has been placed in the programme several times when I was not even expected to sing, because it was believed that I was a drawing card. People have expressed disgust at the singing of the soprano who sang under my name, and consequently my reputation suffers."

"I complained to M. Charley and he said that the people of St. Louis had a slight appreciation of art, and that he did not care how much my reputation was damaged. On the other hand, I think St. Louis audiences appreciate the work of an artist to a greater extent than those of any other American city. Audiences here are far ahead of those in New York."

MAY SING AT FAIR.

"I am now in correspondence with managers in Vienna, and the Metropolitan in New York. I have an offer from a World's Fair manager, also, and my future course is unsettled."

Manager Charley said that he did not know the exact cause of Mme. Guinchan's grievance, but that he would take legal steps to prevent her from singing anywhere else.

"Her contract expires March 10, but I have the option of renewing it for fifteen days at a time until the season closes. She cannot sign with any other management."

"Mme. Guinchan does not speak to me. The statements which she accredits to me were not made. She sent me a note and a physician's certificate stating that she was ill, and of course she could not go on Saturday. I did not have time to change the programme and forgot to make an announcement from the stage."

"Of course, if she comes back and says that she is ready to sing I shall have to put her on according to contract, but she cannot sing anywhere else this season. I never talked to her about the appreciation of St. Louis audiences or the injury to her reputation."

THROW CONDUCTOR THROUGH WINDOW.

Two Unidentified Men Beat and Seriously Hurt W. H. Briscoe on Spring Avenue Car.

Two unidentified men who entered a westbound Spring avenue car at Jefferson avenue last night assaulted the conductor, W. H. Briscoe, of No. 213 Lucas avenue, and, after beating him, threw him through the glass window of the car.

Briscoe was not rendered unconscious by the fall. He was taken to Doctor A. V. L. Brokaw's office, No. 536 North Taylor avenue. His injuries consist of several serious scalp wounds and contusions of the face. Several of his teeth were knocked out.

Briscoe reported the matter to the police and they are making an investigation. Briscoe stated that he did not know the men and that they assaulted him without provocation.



MME. GUINCHAN. Dramatic soprano of the French Opera Company. She has given up her contract because of a misunderstanding with M. Charley, the manager.

FIRE DESTROYS ELMIRA THEATERS

Lyceum, in Center of City, With All Its Furnishings, a Complete Loss.

WORK OF INCENDIARIES.

After First Building Is Destroyed a Burning Rag Is Found on the Stage of the Auditorium, Adjoining.

Elmira, N. Y., March 7, 2:30 a. m.—(Bulletin)—The Auditorium Theater is now burning. It looks as if the Realty office building might be destroyed.

Elmira, N. Y., March 7.—Fire broke out in a cigar factory under the Lyceum Theater at 11:35 o'clock last night, and soon the entire block was a mass of flames.

It started from a natural gas explosion. It is stated, The Lyceum Theater, one of the Real circuit of houses, owned by Colonel D. C. Robinson, was totally destroyed. Loss, \$23,000.

The rest of the block was badly gutted, and the loss will be more than \$50,000. The Lyceum and the stage manager, was nearly suffocated by smoke when rescued. The Mamie Fleming Repertoire Company lost its trunks and scenery.

At 1 o'clock Monday morning a burning rag was found on the Auditorium stage, next to the Lyceum. It is thought from this that both theaters were deliberately set on fire.

ASSAULTED AND ROBBED ON DOWNTOWN STREET.

C. L. Derrickson "Held Up" and Badly Beaten by Highwaymen, Who Failed to Get \$27.75.

Charles L. Derrickson, an insurance agent, living at No. 606 Delmar boulevard, was assaulted and robbed while walking along Thirteenth between Pine and Chestnut streets at 3:20 o'clock yesterday morning, and was taken to the City Dispensary. He was badly beaten about the face and head.

He was robbed of a gold watch and chain, but his outcries frightened his assailants before they got hold of \$27.75 which he had in one of his pockets.

CHINESE ENVOY ARRIVES.

Assistant Commissioner Carl Tells of Big Exhibits.

Francis A. Carl, Assistant Chinese Commissioner to the World's Fair, arrived yesterday, to stay in St. Louis until the close of the Exposition.

Commissioner Carl is a son-in-law of Professor J. S. Collins of Kirkwood, and spent the day with him. He will make his headquarters at the Planters Hotel, where D. Percibois, secretary of the commission, and A. Berthel, an assistant, are now stopping.

"The Chinese nation will not become involved in the Russo-Japanese war," said Commissioner Carl. "The Powers will not permit interference, for China is a debtor to them for a large part of the indemnity arising from the Boxer war, and unless she has peace the payments might stop."

"China recognizes that the United States is a friend. This exhibit will endeavor to show the high esteem in which America is held by the Chinese, for everything that could make the exhibit interesting has been secured. One of the Princes went so far as to offer his private collection of bronzes, the finest and most ancient specimens in the Empire, for exhibition. His offer was accepted and is only one of many such exhibits that will be shown at the World's Fair."

Prince Fu Lun, Commissioner Carl stated, will embark for the United States March 30, reaching St. Louis the last week in April, for a six weeks' stay.

GIRL HURT IN RIOT AT DANCE MAY DIE.

Emma Wagner, Said to Have Been Struck by Watchman, at City Hospital.

PATROLMEN SUMMON AID.

Division in Kangaroo Club Leads to General Fight, in Which Men and Women Take Part.

The orchestra had just finished a waltz at the Concordia Club Hall, No. 1441 Chouteau avenue, at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning, and the decadent notes had scarcely ceased vibrating when a riot broke out.

The fight was started between several young men near the main entrance to the hall. In a minute it was general, and a hundred men and women were participants.

Revolvers were drawn, knives brandished, clubs wielded and bricks and other missiles hurled promiscuously. Many were injured, but escaped from the police by jumping through windows and scurrying through the several exits.

After the fight had been quelled by the police, Emma Wagner, 30 years old, of No. 319 Pine street, was picked up in an unconscious condition by Police Sergeant Field.

She was taken to the City Hospital. An examination showed that she had been struck on the left temple by some blunt instrument, causing a contusion. She regained consciousness for a short time after arriving at the hospital, but again lapsed into a comatose state, from which she did not rally yesterday or last night. Her condition is reported as serious, and she may die.

L. S. Metcalf, a young man, known to the police, who was beaten and cut in the fight, is held at the Four Courts. Other arrests will be made.

Sergeant Field said yesterday that it was the most vicious mix-up that he had ever encountered. In trying to separate belligerents, Patrolman Helgoth was knocked down, his club and star stolen and his clothing torn and cut. Sergeant Field said that women took sides and fought like men. One woman, he says, was armed with a large butcher-knife.

The policemen who were on hand when the fight started said that it was a premeditated affair and the animus which inspired it dates back to dissension in the Kangaroo Club about six months ago, when about fifteen young men members either withdrew or were dismissed from the club.

It is said that they harbored a grudge against the other members. Saturday night the predominating element of the Kangaroo Club gave a dance at Concordia Hall. It is said that about midnight the disgruntled element, numbering about fifteen young men, arrived at the hall armed with bricks, clubs, knives and revolvers, and precipitated the riot. The coming of the enemy, it is said to have been heralded, and general preparation made to receive them.

Special Watchman Handley was in the hall when the fight started, but could not cope with the crowd. Sergeant Field and Patrolman Wetzel and Helgoth arrived a few minutes after the fight started, and with vigorous use of their clubs tried to break up the riot.

Seeing that the crowd was too big and the encounter too vicious for them to deal with, one of the policemen ran to the door and fired several shots which attracted policemen from adjoining beats.

Sergeant Field said that it took the combined and vigorous efforts of eight policemen to subdue the rioters. The dance was then stopped and the lights turned out.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For Missouri and Arkansas—Fair Monday and Tuesday.

For Illinois—Fair Monday, preceded by rain in northwest portion. Tuesday, fair.

For Eastern Texas—Fair and warmer Monday. Tuesday, fair.

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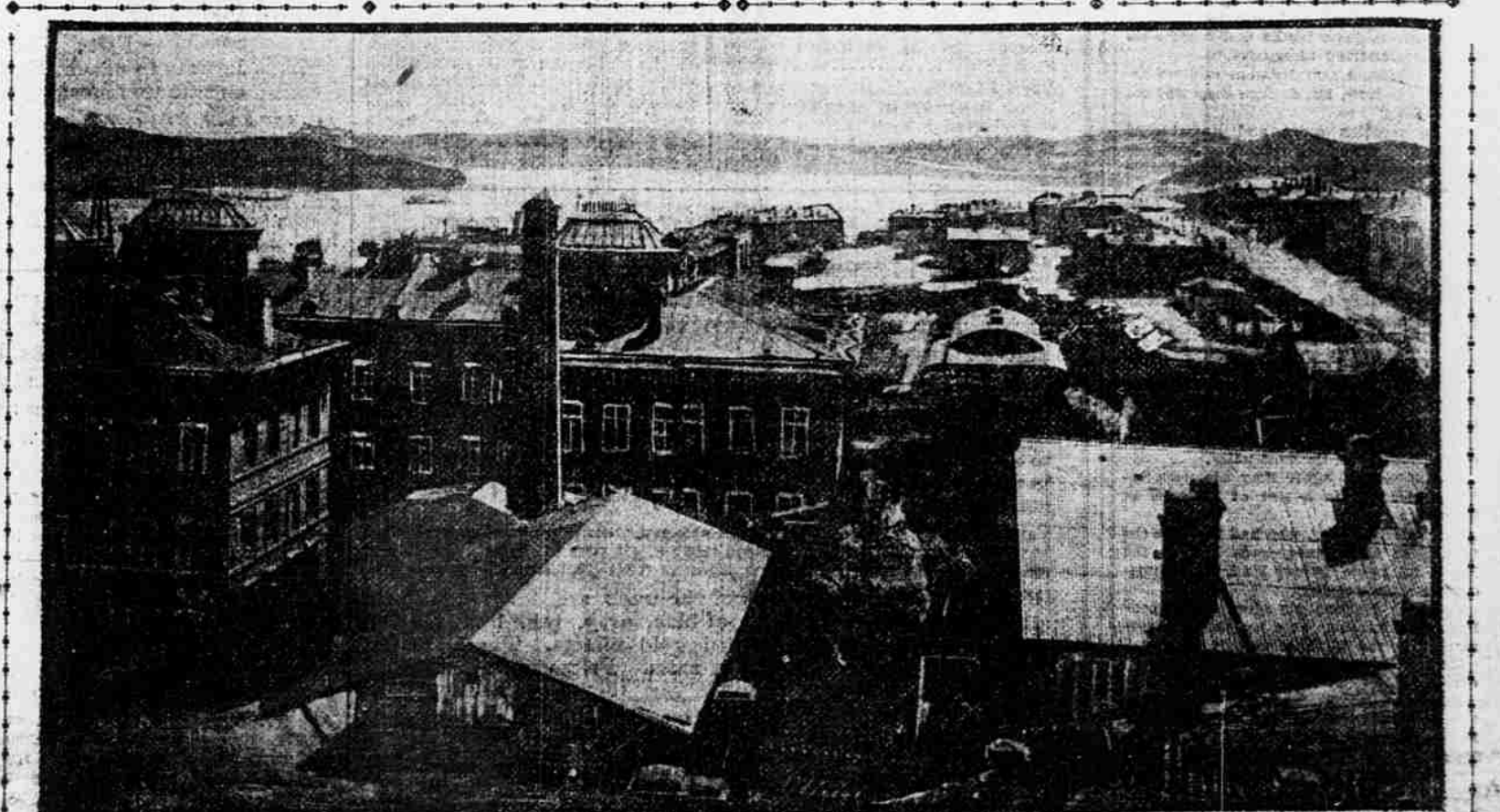
11. General Sporting Events.

12. News from East Side Cities and Towns.

VLADIVOSTOK IS BOMBARDED FOR FIFTY-FIVE MINUTES BY FIVE JAPANESE BATTLESHIPS AND TWO CRUISERS; BATTERIES DO NOT REPLY TO LONG-RANGE FIRING; RUSSIA CLAIMS ATTACK WAS ENTIRELY INEFFECTIVE.

City Notified Early in the Morning That the Enemy's Fleet Has Appeared, but Remains Quiet and Unafraid Throughout the Day—Mikado's Warships Rendezvous at Askold Island, Near the City, and Another Attack May Be Expected—Force of 1,500 Cossacks Are Marching to Occupy Koryong and Cut Off Japanese Advance on Hunchun, 100 Miles West of Vladivostok.

VIEW OF VLADIVOSTOK AND ITS BEAUTIFUL HILL-LOCKED HARBOR.



The city, which is situated at the neck of the Shkoto Peninsula, has a population of 45,000, made up chiefly of Russians, Chinese and Koreans, with a sprinkling of Germans, Japanese, French, Italians, English and a few, very few, Americans. Vladivostok is thus a remarkably cosmopolitan little city to be found on the shore of an almost Arctic sea.

WON FIRST MASQUERADE PRIZE, THEN DROPPED DEAD AT BALL.

Mrs. Joseph Sailer Was a Conspicuous Figure in "Columbia" Costume at North St. Louis Turner Hall Dance When Stricken With Heart Disease—Music Suddenly Hushed, While Masqueraders Doffed Their Disguises and Gathered Around Body.

Dressed in the costume of Columbia, which had just won the first prize over hundreds of competitors at the masquerade ball at the North St. Louis Turner Hall at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. Joseph Sailer suddenly threw up her hands and sank to the floor. She died from heart disease.

The ball was given by the Haffner Manufacturing Company Mutual Benefit Society, and had attracted several hundred couples. Mrs. Sailer, who lived at No. 1429 Farrar street, had been one of the most conspicuous characters on the floor, and had attracted several hundred couples.

The first prize was easily captured by her. The committee had no trouble about deciding that. They were awaiting the close of the dances to make the announcement, and Mrs. Sailer, her husband and a party of friends were seated at a refreshment table.

The death caused excitement among the crowd that filled the ballroom and adjoining apartments. The music ceased at once. The masqueraders threw off their disguises and the dance was stopped. Friends had hurried to several physicians and an ambulance call was sent in to the City Dispensary.

Mrs. Sailer was carried to the ladies' dressing-room. Her husband and several ladies administered restoratives. At first it was thought she had fainted and would recover.

The ambulance arrived without a physician, and when Mrs. Sailer was removed to the dispensary the physician in attendance pronounced life extinct.

The husband is a painter and a well-known bowler connected with several clubs. He had gone to a bowling contest at South Broadway Saturday night, while his wife went with friends to the dance, where her husband joined her about midnight. He had won the prize at the bowling.

KOREAN ROADS OUT OF SEOUL BADLY BROKEN UP BY THAWS AND SNOWSTORMS

London, March 7.—The Daily Mail's Ping-Yang correspondent, under date of March 3, describes great difficulties met with on the road from Seoul. He says that recent thaws broke up the roads, which again have become frozen over, while from time to time there are severe snowstorms.

One pass which the correspondent traversed was covered with sheets of sloping ice.

The country as far as Hwangdu is mountainous and impenetrable from the north, but afterwards it becomes more open.

He says it is piteous to see the terror of the Korean refugees fleeing through the snow with their household goods.

Cabling under yesterday's date, the same correspondent says that the missionaries are averse to leaving Ping-Yang, and are not liable to accept the offer of United States Minister Allen (to allow refugees to go aboard the United States cruiser Cincinnati), as they believe they will be able to escape later, should the situation become acute.



MRS. JOSEPH SAILER. Who died suddenly after she had been declared winner of a prize waltz at the North St. Louis Turner Hall.

ing club, and while the prizes had not been distributed at the masquerade it was known that the first award was to go to Mrs. Sailer; so they were both in excellent spirits.

Mrs. Sailer had been dancing constantly, and her husband had urged her not to overtax herself, as she occasionally suffered from a weak heart. She was apparently in the best of health, however, Saturday evening.

She was the daughter of Frederick Stiegmeyer of No. 1624 North Nineteenth street, where the body was removed yesterday. Her funeral will take place from that address to-morrow afternoon. She was 36 years old, and her parents and several brothers and sisters survive her.

COSSACK SCOUTS REPORT JAPANESE ADVANCE HAS BEEN CHECKED BY SNOW.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Cossack scouts report that a Japanese column from Pleskai Bay, on arriving in the snow-blocked delta of the mountains separating Korea from Manchuria, was forced to halt owing to avalanches and other obstacles. The scouts say that one-third of the strength of this column is invalided.

an almost Arctic sea. The city has but one main street, running uphill and down-dale, with various branches climbing the hills on every side. It is beautifully situated and, being the eastern terminus of the Transiberian Railway, is bound to grow into commercial importance. At present its chief value to Russia is strategic, it being the only Pacific port of any importance in undisputed Russian territory.

Vladivostok, March 6.—A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers appeared off this place at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon and bombarded the town and shore batteries for fifty-five minutes.

The fleet approached from the direction of Askold Island, at the east entrance to Ussuri Bay, and about thirty-two miles southeast of Vladivostok. Entering Ussuri Bay, the enemy formed a line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than a mile and one-third.

They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town, but no damage resulted, as most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst.

RUSSIAN BATTERIES DID NOT REPLY TO FLEET'S FIRE.

The Russian batteries, commanded by Generals Veronetz and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy.

The Japanese fire ceased at 2:20 p. m. and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island.

Simultaneously two torpedo-boat destroyers appeared near Askold Island and two more near Cape Maidei. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 rubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were 6 and 12 inch shells.

The population of Vladivostok was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet and the prospect of attack during the day, but it remained tranquil.

ALEXIEFF'S REPORT TO CZAR OF VLADIVOSTOK BOMBARDMENT.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—A communication from Viceroy Alekseeff to the Czar from Mukden, bearing to-day's date, says:

"I most humbly inform your Majesty that the commandant at the fortress at Vladivostok reports that at 8:50 this morning seven vessels were sighted south of Askold Island. At 9:45 they were seen to be warships making for Askold Island. About noon the enemy's squadron was midway between the coast and Askold Island, making for Ussuri Bay. They were out of reach of the shore batteries."

"At 1:30 the enemy opened fire. Two vessels in the squadron were probably the first-class cruisers Izdum and Yakumo, but the names of the other vessels are unknown."

THINK ATTACK WAS MERELY TO DRAW FIRE OF BATTERIES.

Official dispatches received here concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok do not mention any Russian losses, but private advices say that five were killed, four sailors and the wife of an engineer.

It is apparent the Japanese were afraid to risk exposing their ships to the plunging fire of the land batteries and it is considered probable here that the attack was really for the purpose of drawing the fire of the Russian forts, compelling the Russians to disclose the position and caliber of their guns, and for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Russian squadron was in port.

It is believed to have failed, as the batteries did not fire a shot, and, if the squadron is in port, it could not be seen from the Japanese ships on the bay of Ussuri, on account of high land, which rises on that side, obstructing the view of the harbor.

EVACUATION OF NIUCHWANG SEEMS TO BE ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS.

Yin-Kow, March 6.—The removal of taining patrols between the main railway and the sea, and of reconnoitering the coast.

SAYS RUSSIANS DEFEATED JAPS IN YALU RIVER FIGHTS.

Russian private letters disclose the fact that, in the recent engagements between the Yalu River and Ping-Yang, the Russians with superior numbers defeated the Japanese, but lost heavily.

Refugees arriving here say that Port Arthur has not been attacked since February 23, but that stores and ammunition are still arriving. Work on

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